

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-40 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1-40 are presently in front of the Appeals Board.

Reconsideration of the present Appeals Brief is respectfully requested.

REMARKS**Appeal Brief**

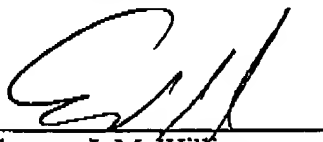
The Examiner has requested that Applicant set forth the claim amendments from the Office Action Response dated August 13, 2005. Therefore, Applicant has amended the Appeal Brief previously submitted on September 13, 2005 and submits herewith an amended version of said Appeal Brief complying with the Examiner's requests.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the reasons set forth herein, and a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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